



Lori E. Wright
Attorney
Federal Advocacy

1133 Nineteenth Street, NW

Washington, DC 20036
202 736-6468
Fax 202 736-6359

March 25, 2004

Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: EX PARTE

In the Matter of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Emergency Request for Declaratory Ruling That State Commissions May Not Regulate Broadband Internet Access Services by Requiring BellSouth to Provide Wholesale or Retail Broadband Services to CLEC UNE Voice Customers, WC Docket No. 03-251

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 24, 2004, Kim Scardino, De O'Roark, and the undersigned of MCI and Mark Schneider and Elizabeth Porter of Jenner & Block met with Brent Olson, Michael Engel, Ian Dillner, and Dennis Johnson of the Wireline Competition Bureau regarding the above-referenced proceeding. We discussed the issues identified in the attached presentation, which we distributed at the meeting. We also explained that an additional reason for denying the petition is that many of the legal claims underlying the petition are not matters of settled law, but instead are unsettled and are currently being addressed in other dockets, where they will be addressed in a more complete and thoughtful manner.

Please call me with any questions about this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/
Lori E. Wright

cc: Brent Olson, Michael Engel, Ian Dillner, Dennis Johnson